

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A booklet maker, comprising:

a pivotable collecting device including two supporting sides formed with a saddle shape; and

a rotatable transferring device including a displaceable clamping component, wherein the transferring device delivers a folded sheet material to the collecting device along a non-linear path, and the collecting device pivots to receive the folded sheet material from the transferring device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are supported by different sides of the two supporting sides of the collecting device.

2. The booklet maker of claim 1, wherein the supporting sides are arranged on opposite sides of the collecting device.

3. The booklet maker of claim 1, wherein the supporting sides converge at a supporting edge.

4. The booklet maker of claim 1, comprising:

a collecting drive for clamping a portion of the folded sheet material against a supporting side and for advancing the portion along the supporting side.

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5. The booklet maker of claim 1, wherein the transferring device comprises:

a rotatable arm; and

a fixed clamping component, wherein the folded sheet material is delivered to the collecting device by clamping a portion of the folded sheet material between the displaceable and fixed clamping components and by rotating the rotatable arm.

6. The booklet maker of claim 1, wherein the transferring device is configured to simultaneously secure different portions of the folded sheet material against different supporting sides.

7. The booklet maker of claim 1, comprising:

a folding device for establishing a fold in a trimmed sheet material to create the folded sheet material.

8. The booklet maker of claim 7, comprising:

a cutting device for cutting an original sheet material to create the trimmed sheet.

9. The booklet maker of claim 8, comprising:

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an input feed device for delivering an original sheet material to the cutting device from an input tray.

10. The booklet maker of claim 9, wherein the input tray is at least one of formed as and connected to an output tray of a printing device.

11. The booklet maker of claim 1, comprising:

a hole punching device for creating a hole in the folded sheet material.

12. The booklet maker of claim 1, comprising:

a stapling device for stapling the folded sheet material after the folded sheet material is received by the collecting device.

13. The booklet maker of claim 8, comprising:

a processing unit for at least one of storing and generating individual sheet information, wherein the processing unit controls the cutting device to cut the original sheet material based on the individual sheet information.

14. A method of making booklets, comprising the steps of:

clamping a folded sheet material with a rotatable transferring device;

delivering the folded sheet material to a pivotable collecting device along an arc established by movement of the rotatable clamping device, the folded sheet material being deposited over a supporting edge of the collecting device such that a fold of the folded sheet material is received by the supporting edge; and

pivoting the collecting device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are received by different supporting sides of the collecting device.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the collecting device pivots to receive the folded sheet material such that: a first portion of the folded sheet material is received on a first supporting side of the collecting device, and a second portion of the folded sheet material is received on a second supporting side of the collecting device.

16. The method of claim 14, comprising the step of:
folding a trimmed sheet material to form a folded sheet material.

17. The method of claim 16, comprising the step of:
cutting an original sheet material to create a trimmed sheet.

18. The method of claim 14, comprising the steps of:

transferring additional folded sheet materials individually to the collecting device along the established arc; and

pivoting the collecting device to receive each folded sheet material such that a stack of folded sheet materials is formed on the collecting device.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein an inner fold edge of each additional folded sheet material is received by an outer fold edge of a previously received folded sheet material.

20. The method of claim 18, comprising the step of:
stapling the stack of folded sheet material.

21. A system for making booklets, comprising:
a folding device;
a pivotable collecting device, the collecting device being saddle-shaped;
a rotatable transferring device including a displaceable clamping component,
wherein the transferring device delivers a folded sheet material to the collecting device along a non-linear path, and the collecting device pivots to receive the folded sheet material from the transferring device such that different portions of

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the folded sheet material are supported by opposing sides of the collecting device;
and

a collecting drive for clamping a portion of the folded sheet material against the collecting device and for advancing the portion along a side of the collecting device.

22. The system of claim 21, wherein the transferring device comprises:

a rotatable arm; and

a fixed clamping component, wherein the folded sheet material is delivered to the collecting device by clamping a portion of the folded sheet material and by rotating the rotatable arm.